"As you may already know, new child safety seat laws took effect at the beginning of this year. Regardless of how you feel about these new rules, it is my job as your representative to inform you of the changes and give you the resources you need to abide by the law."

—David G. Valadao
Assemblyman, 30th District

"Please take a moment to review these important child safety seat tips. As always, it is an honor to serve you."

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Child Car Seat Basics

CHP Child Car Seat Inspection Stations

If you would like assistance properly securing your car safety seat, you can make an appointment with your local CHP area office.
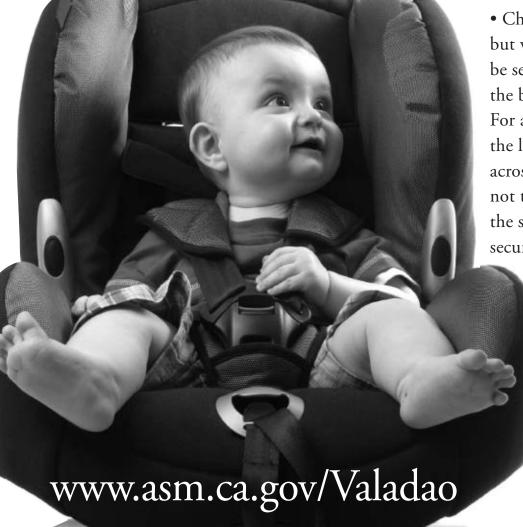
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2012 Child Car Seat Law Changes

82% of all car seats are installed and/or are being used incorrectly.

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This year, a new law went into effect making changes to child safety seat requirements when riding in cars. Here are key provisions to remember:

• Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat of a car.

• Children under the age of 8, but who are at least 4' 9", may be secured by a seat belt in the back seat. Keep in mind: For a seat belt to fit properly, the lap belt should lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. Likewise, the shoulder belt should lie securely across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face.

• No child may ride in the front seat of a car with an active airbag if he or she is in a rear-facing car seat.

REMEMBER:
8 years old
OR
4 feet, 9 inches tall.

For additional information on car seats, visit www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS or www.chp.ca.gov/community/safeseat.html